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Building on to the Michigan eLibrary: *New MeL Database Package Enhanced With Added Resources*

by Jo Budler, Deputy State Librarian

Michigan residents will soon have access to even more resources through the Michigan eLibrary (MeL), as the MeL database renewal process draws to a close after much input from the Michigan library community. The Library of Michigan has forwarded to the Michigan Administrative Board for final approval a set of contracts that includes databases from ProQuest/BigChalk, SIRS, GALE and OCLC. On October 1, 2003, these resources will become part of MeL, available to all Michigan residents in their local libraries and outside their libraries via www.mel.org, using their driver's license or state identification number.

What will be included in MeL beginning October 1, 2003?

ProQuest (formerly Big Chalk) Electric Library Elementary and SIRS Discoverer Deluxe will both continue to be part of the MeL database package.

The new package of GALE databases contains all of the databases which were included in the present contract year: General Reference Center Gold, InfoTrac Custom Newspapers, InfoTrac Kids (in its new format called Kids Infobits), Health Reference Center Academic, Health and Wellness Resource Center and AncestryPlus. In addition, all Michigan libraries and residents will have access to:

- LegalTrac,
- Alternative Health Module,
- Computer Database,
- InfoTrac K12 Professional Collection, and
- InfoTrac Student.

This new package from GALE constitutes an increase both in journal titles and full text. The journal titles will increase from 2,790 titles in General Reference Center Gold to 8,240 titles in InfoTrac OneFile, a nearly 200 percent increase. The number of full-text journals included will increase nearly 140 percent, from 1,930 in General Reference Center Gold to 4,629 in InfoTrac OneFile.

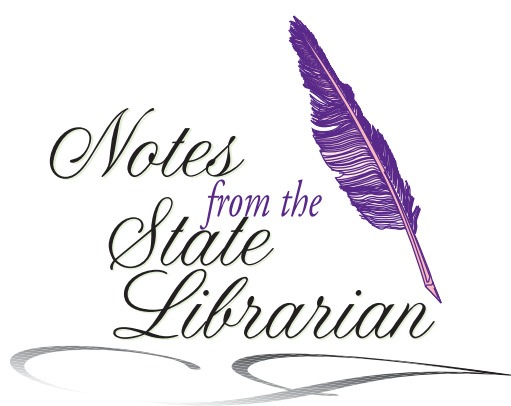
Another addition to the upcoming package of MeL databases is remote access to AncestryPlus, so residents will be able to use this resource from home or at work as well as in the library of their choice.

The OCLC package is comprised of the Base Package (WorldCat, OCLC UnionList of Periodicals, ERIC, GPO Monthly Catalog, MEDLINE, OCLC ArticleFirst, OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online, OCLC PapersFirst, OCLC ProceedingsFirst, World Almanac), CINAHL (a nursing database), and WilsonSelect Plus. In the new OCLC package, images will be included in the WilsonSelect Plus database.

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- InfoTrac OneFile with Ingenta,
- Expanded Academic ASAP with Ingenta,
- General BusinessFile ASAP,

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Well, I'm ready to admit it: economic times are tough.

Facing a nearly 20-percent budget reduction in the Library of Michigan's projected 2004 budget, it's time to start prioritizing our services and make the tough choices. We will be leaving some staff positions unfilled, cutting back on collections and looking for cost-savings wherever and whenever possible. It is not the most pleasant of scenarios but one that – if we're to get through it as injury-free as possible – must be met head-on.

I recently asked Library of Michigan staff to give me feedback to help identify where we could cut costs and operate more efficiently. Suggestions ranged from soliciting volunteers for our information desk to diving for pennies in the rotunda pool! I'm glad to see our staffers haven't lost their sense of humor! But, humor aside, we are considering all alternatives.

You'll soon notice our cost-cutting efforts reflected in *Access* because, beginning with the next issue, we have chosen to save money by reducing its colorful look. And in the near future we will examine further cost-savings by surveying our readers about the format they prefer to receive *Access*: the hard-copy print version or an electronic version via e-mail delivery.

There you have it. I don't mind admitting that times are tough and I am willing to make the necessary sacrifices to see us through these hard times. What I will not do is succumb to the "poor me" mentality that sometimes surfaces during an economic downturn and often lasts long after the economy has recovered. Rather, we must all challenge ourselves to make plans and formulate ideas that will enhance library service during the rebounding economy that is sure to come. We'll hang in there and come out even better!!

Christie

Wilson Abstracting and Indexing databases, a percentage of their content is included in the full-text of WilsonSelect Plus with Images. The percentages of indexed articles from the Abstracting and Indexing databases included in the all-full-text WilsonSelect Plus are as follows:

- 16 percent of Applied Science and Technology
- 23 percent of Arts Abstracts
- 16 percent of Biological and Agricultural Index
- 23 percent of General Science
- 40 percent of Education Abstracts
- 33 percent of Humanities Abstracts
- 30 percent of Library Literature
- 30 percent of Readers' Guide Index
- 33 percent of Social Science Abstracts
- 46 percent of Wilson Business Abstracts
- 36 percent of Book Review Digest
- 16 percent of Index to Legal Periodicals and Books
- Percentage of Biography Index not available

The Business and Industry database will no longer be part of the OCLC FirstSearch package but will be included in the GALE package of databases within the General BusinessFile ASAP.

If you have any questions about any of these databases or about MeL, please contact Becky Cawley at rcawley@michigan.gov or 517-373-4466, or Jo Budler at jbudler@michigan.gov or 517-373-5507. You may call the Library of Michigan toll-free at 877-479-0021.

Library of Michigan Celebrates 175 Years of Page-Turning History June 12

by Casey Kremers,
Department of History,
Arts and Libraries



Join us for the celebration as the Library of Michigan marks its 175th anniversary with a special event on June 12 from 1-5 p.m. The afternoon will kick off with a presentation about the history of the Library of Michigan by Dr. William Anderson, director of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries, followed by informational sessions with a break and refreshments in between.

The sessions, which will run concurrently, include:

- Getting the Most Out of Your State Library – a presentation highlighting the many services and

collections the Library of Michigan has to offer.

- Branches to the Past – a genealogy overview, including a segment on how to introduce children to family history research.
- The 21st Century Library – a workshop covering the latest library technology.

The event is free and will take place at the Library of Michigan, located at 702 West Kalamazoo Street in Lansing. CEUs will be available.

Watch your mail for more information about registration. If you have questions, please contact Joyce Ruttan at jruttan@michigan.gov.

The Michigan Center for the Book Is Looking for Affiliates!

by Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book Coordinator

The Michigan Center for the Book, a program of the Library of Michigan, is looking for libraries and other groups involved in literacy and literary efforts in Michigan to become affiliates of the Center for the Book. Our goal is to foster more literary activity throughout the state and to increase awareness of these activities.

The Library of Michigan offers affiliates increased publicity for their activities and programming. The affiliates will have the connection to the Library of Michigan and the National Center for the Book at the Library of Congress and a seat on the Michigan Center for the Book board. Affiliates will also be able to network with other affiliates for programming ideas, funding and statewide programs such as literary maps, literary landmarks, author tours, book festivals and other appropriate activities.

Affiliates will need to offer a minimum level of programming in their area, participate as a member of the Center for the Book board and pay an annual fee. Affiliate representatives will make up the majority of the board and will be autonomous in their local programming. Groups that join the Michigan Center for the Book in the first year will be charter members.

If you are interested in becoming an affiliate of the Michigan Center for the Book, please contact Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book coordinator, at (517) 373-3891 or kreish@michigan.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Canada's National Librarian Shares Mission for Growth

*by Sarah Lapshan,
Communications Office*

Guests at a recent lecture and reception for Canada's national librarian, Roch Carrier, got a rare treat indeed. Mr. Carrier, known for his dynamic speaking and engaging style of story-telling, talked at length of the path he took to his current post and the many stops along the way.

Describing his current position as "the best job I ever had," Mr. Carrier touched on the modest background of his early years in a home with no books. He spoke of his prior misconceptions that "libraries just run themselves" and that everyone lives near a library. Subsequent trips to such diverse places as Vienna and Africa quickly altered Mr. Carrier's notion of equitable access to libraries, and he began to wonder if libraries worldwide were doing enough to make people knowledgeable.

He described two key ways the National Library of Canada is striving to make itself more accessible and visible to its patrons. First, he asked himself "What is the best way to connect with Canadians?" One program of which he's most proud is the International Forum on Literature for Children, because he feels the best way to make the connection with all Canadians is by reaching their kids first.

Second, Mr. Carrier said the National Library of Canada often viewed itself as a "library of last resort" – a label he found greatly challenging and incorrect if the library was to achieve its goal of serving all Canadians. So, to better understand the needs of all patrons, Mr. Carrier and staff went on the road to visit as many sites in Canada as possible, from the most modern to the Aboriginal communities.

Armed with greater knowledge and an understanding of patron needs, Mr. Carrier focused on creating partnerships among Canada's 2,000 libraries, starting a government on-line task force, building connections in the media, and more importantly he said, following his new mantra of "inspire, challenge and get out of the way!"



Successful Kickoff to Family Literacy Days at Library of Michigan

by Kristine Tardiff, Youth Services Specialist, Library of Michigan

Nearly 3,000 people visited the Library of Michigan in Lansing on March 1, when Clifford and Curious George visited. The Family Activity Days kickoff event, a celebration of children and reading, also featured Grammy-award-



Clifford the Big Red Dog

winning singer Barbara Bailey Hutchison, Fidget the Clown and Lansing-area storytellers.

Family Activity Days are two weeks of free literacy activities and visits from some of children's favorite book and television characters in libraries and early childcare agencies in Ingham and Eaton counties. Many of those libraries and agencies set up information tables at the kickoff event, hoping to reach out to parents and caregivers about the importance of books and reading in a child's life. Family Activity Days usually take place the first two weeks of March each year.

A group of libraries and early childcare agencies, called the Early Childhood Literacy Coalition, plan these important annual events. The Coalition is made up of the following organizations: WKAR/Ready to Learn, the Capital Area District Library, the Library of Michigan, Capital Area Literacy Coalition, All Children Connected to Succeed (ACTS), CACS Head Start, Delta Township District Library, East Lansing Public Library, Ingham County Early On, Office for Young Children, Partnership for Learning, Capital Area Youth Alliance (CAYA), Child Abuse Prevention Services, Early Childhood Connections, Ingham County Health Department/Jumpstart, Ingham Intermediate School District, MSUE/Building Strong Families, Wonder Years and Grand Ledge GEDSuccess Program.

Library of Michigan Genealogy Specialist to Teach New Course for Wayne State

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Schools of library and information science have long recognized that certain subject areas such as business, law and medicine require specialized units or courses of instruction. Likewise, librarians need to know how to serve patrons interested in genealogy. Since most beginning genealogy patrons come to libraries with little or no background in the subject, librarians need to be familiar with genealogical research materials in order to assist these patrons. Because of the popularity and scope of genealogy in today's public libraries, Wayne State University has elected to offer a two-credit course on the topic.

Carole Callard, genealogy specialist at the Library of Michigan, will be teaching the course, called "The Library's Role in Family History." The course will meet this spring/summer term at the Library of Michigan, from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, May 4, 18 and 25; June 1, 8 and 29; and July 13 and 20.

The course will be taught using a combination of lectures, readings, hands-on computer use, class discussions and class projects and will cover the following:

- The role of the library in serving family history patrons
- Family history resources in print and online
- Basic genealogical research methodology
- Reference strategies for family history patrons
- Organization of research findings
- Collection development of local history and genealogical materials
- Referrals to other special collection repositories
- Effective family history interviews
- Government resources for family historians
- Use of commercial databases in family history

On completion of the course, students should be able to assist patrons in establishing realistic research goals and strategies. The course will familiarize students with basic genealogical methods for

finding family history information as well as the differences in primary and secondary sources, Soundex coding, the 1790-1930 federal population censuses, important reference works in genealogy, Internet sites and how to evaluate them, commercial genealogy databases and other premier special collections.

The Many Homes of the Library of Michigan

by Linda Neely, Reference/ILL Librarian, Library of Michigan



*First Library,
Territorial
Courthouse*

Michigan's State Library has experienced a colorful history, with many moves and reorganizations. In 1828, an act was passed to create an official Territorial Council

Library, housed with other government offices in the Territorial Courthouse on Griswold Street in Detroit, where they remained until 1847.

In 1847, the State Library (so named when Michigan became a state in 1837) moved to a single room in Lansing's first Capitol building, a modest two-story frame structure located on the block bounded by Washington and Capitol Avenues and Allegan and Washtenaw Streets. In 1858, Michigan's Supreme Court Justices were authorized to remove from the library any materials that they desired to keep in a designated room near their offices.

By 1860, the State Library collection numbered 13,676 titles, and space in the old Capitol building was inadequate. The library was temporarily moved to a new state office building on the corner of South Washington and Allegan in 1871. Soon the book purchase appropriation was increased, and the library also began to accept gift histories from the public. By 1874, the collection had grown to 46,000 volumes. When the library moved to the first and third floors of the new (current) Capitol building in 1879, the assigned space was already inadequate for its holdings. This space problem

necessitated transfer of all realia from the library to the Capitol Museum Room.

In 1893, the State Library opened for use by the general public. Throughout the next decade, holdings grew rapidly, particularly after the 1895 designation of the State Library as a federal documents depository. During this era, the library began to loan books to Michigan public libraries, and State Library traveling collections visited rural locations throughout the state. In 1907, a legislative reference department was established, and by 1910 the collection had ballooned to 63,000 volumes.

Citing the danger of fire in the Capitol, a report demanding safer housing for the State Library was issued by the Michigan Library Association in 1916.

In 1922 the Library was moved to the main floor of the new (Lewis Cass) State Office

Building at the corner of South Walnut and Kalamazoo Streets. Law and legislative reference services remained in the Capitol, the latter having been transferred to control of the Legislature. In 1924, Library extension services began for public and school libraries, and collections expanded accordingly.

In February of 1951, a devastating fire destroyed the upper floors of the State Office Building, and many of the library's holdings suffered water damage. Over 30,000 books were frozen and moved to the field house of Lansing's Boys Vocational School for long, slow drying. Temporary library offices were set up in the field house and a separate information center was maintained at the Capitol building.

In June of 1951, the State Library reference collections and its extension staff were moved to a storefront building on Shiawassee Street, while the Public Library Development Division moved to an office building on Grand Avenue. In 1954, a reference branch office was opened in



Cass Building



Shiawassee Building



Grand Avenue Building

the reconstructed Cass Building, and in 1955 a full service Upper Peninsula Branch opened in Escanaba. The Saginaw based Regional Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was officially transferred to State Library administration in 1959, although its collections were not moved. In 1961, the library set up a temporary collection of 2,000 volumes in the basement of the Lansing Civic Center for use by Michigan Constitutional Convention delegates. Reference outlets in both the Capitol and Cass buildings continued for several more years.

In 1963, the Dudley Building on Michigan Avenue was leased for use by the Library. This former farm equipment warehouse was large enough to accommodate nearly all of the materials and staff from Shiawassee Street and Grand Avenue, as well as the SBPH collections from Saginaw. The Grand Avenue building was maintained for off-site storage of infrequently used law and main library materials. Law Library staff and collections remained at the Capitol until 1969, when they moved into the G. Mennen Williams state office building on Ottawa Street, which also housed the Michigan Supreme Court and the Office of the Attorney General. The State Library gained national recognition in 1964, when it was designated as a Regional Federal Document Depository, and by 1965 library holdings exceeded one million.

Nearly all collections and functions of the library moved into the Michigan Library and

Historical Center in late 1988. This beautiful new building, the first pre-designated home for the library, was designed to house the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Historical Center, including the Michigan Historical Museum and the State Archives. Following closure of the Upper Peninsula Branch in 1995, the Law Library remained the only separately housed service of the Library of Michigan.

In 2001, the Library of Michigan joined the Michigan Historical Center, the Michigan Film Office, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to form the new Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). All of HAL's agencies now have offices in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, and the Library continues to occupy much of the west half of the building. We look forward to completion of our Rare Book Reading Room in the fall of 2003 and to the continuing opportunity to serve the people of Michigan.

State Library on the Move

From the time of the first Michigan Territorial Council Library to the Library of Michigan, our State Library has had many homes.

1828-1847	Territorial Courthouse (Griswold St., Detroit)
1847-1871	Original Capitol Building (Capitol Block, Lansing)
1871-1879	State Office Building (corner S. Washington and Allegan St., Lansing)
1879-1921	New [current] Capitol Building (Capitol Ave., Lansing)
1921-1951	[Lewis Cass] State Office Building (S. Walnut St., Lansing)
1951-1962	125 E. Shiawassee St. and 220 S. Grand Ave., Lansing
1963-1988	Dudley Building (735 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing)
1988-Present	Michigan Library and Historical Center (702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing)

*Michigan Library
and Historical
Center*



Under Construction: Library Building and Renovation Projects

compiled by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Michigan libraries, continually growing and improving to better serve their communities, have undertaken many building and renovation projects over the past year. Following are several libraries' accounts of their successful construction projects and how they have helped to enhance library services for local residents.

Southfield Public Library

by Nancy Kulish, Southfield Public Library

The new Southfield Public Library, scheduled to open in June 2003, will be the largest suburban library built in the state in the past 20 years. The 127,000-square-foot library will feature the most current technology with 260 computers and wireless capability inside and outside, the best of traditional library services, three terraces, fireplaces, a café, a local history room and many unique youth and young adult features to accommodate active learning and encourage young people to become proficient, lifelong readers.

Located at 26300 Evergreen Road in Southfield, the library has many unique architectural features such as a three-story glass tower welcoming beacon, terrazzo floors and a Pewabic tile fireplace. Building amenities include an imaginarium garden, a readers' tree house, a storybook castle, a space station room, two computer training labs, small group meeting rooms on every level, an auditorium and large meeting room with advanced audio visual capabilities, a café and patio, a satellite dish and a second-level observation deck. Designed by Phillips Swager Associates of Dallas, Texas, the building was constructed with 1,004.5 tons of steel, 200,000 bricks, 492 tons of limestone and 30,100 square feet of glass.



Southfield Public Library

Grand Rapids Public Library

*by Sue Squire, Grand Rapids Public Library
Communications Manager*

Following an \$18 million renovation, the Main Grand Rapids Public Library opened its doors in mid-April. The Main Library renovation was the capstone of a \$32 million Library Improvement Project. General contractor Owen-Ames-Kimball (OAK) Co. worked under the direction of lead architect Hardy, Holzman, Pfeiffer of New York and project architect Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber of Ada, Michigan.

Thousands of visitors moved easily from the entrance in the marble-trimmed, beautifully restored 1904 Beaux Arts Ryerson Building to the four-story 1967 addition, now known as the Keeler Wing. The creation of the four-story atrium, pictured here, now provides easy access from one building to the next. Other improvements include handicap access, a children's area triple its former size, a secure climate-controlled area for archival storage, a fire suppression system, a café, parking adjacent to the entrance, a loading dock, new HVAC systems and more.

"Completion of the City-wide Library Improvement Project truly places Grand Rapids in the forefront of a national library renaissance," says Library Director, Bob Raz.



*Grand Rapids
Public Library*

Highland Township Public Library

*by Jude Halloran, Director, Highland Township
Public Library*

The new 25,050-square-foot Highland Township Public Library was dedicated in June 2002. The two-story building is nestled into the pine-treed hillside overlooking Downey Lake, minimizing the number of trees cleared for the footprint and maximizing lake views. Designed by David Osler and Associates, the building honors a local Civic Center Design Code with board and batten siding above a stone-faced foundation. The interior was designed by Riemenschneider Design Associates and features a covered walkway with nature murals in the youth area.

The library offers lots of natural light and a variety of spaces for library users to read, reflect and rejuvenate, including quiet and group study rooms, cozy chairs for fireside reading, a community room and a cantilevered reading niche we have dubbed "the treehouse."



*Highland Township
Public Library*



*Birmingham
Covington Media
Center*

Birmingham Covington Media Center

*by Mikaela Bartoi, Media Specialist,
Birmingham Covington Media Center*

The renovation of the media center at Birmingham Covington School was a very exciting and creative project. Birmingham Covington School is a district-wide school of choice and is a part of the Birmingham Public Schools. Our school has a science and technology focus and serves 600 students in grades three through eight.

Parents, students and staff worked closely with the architectural team to develop a child-friendly environment. Multiple colors of teal, purple, orange, yellow and pink were chosen to complement the light maple contemporary furniture. Reading, study, computer and meeting areas were created in various “pods” located under colorful “clouds” of light. The 14-foot ceilings were decreased in volume by creating lowered sections of free forms and geometric shapes made of dry-wall, giving the room a warmer and friendlier feeling. The front glass wall undulates in various angles, which allows display space for student projects on the interior and a waiting bench for parents and students on the exterior. The overall effect is quite colorful and vivacious, but at the same time inviting, comforting and relaxing!

Benson Ford Research Center

by Andrew K. Johnson, Public Relations Manager, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village

After more than ten years of planning and development, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village announced the opening of the Benson Ford Research Center, a 66,000-square-foot, \$17 million facility, on March 14, 2002. The facility, designed to house the museum’s reading room, will enable research patrons access to extensive archives, library holdings and visual material collections. The building’s design focuses on providing space for particularly fragile portions of the extensive collection of more than one million three-dimensional objects and in excess of 26 million items of printed and archival material. The building was made possible by a key donation from long-time supporters Lynne Ford Alandt and Benson Ford, Jr.

The collected works document the industrial and cultural development of the country in the

areas of manufacturing, agriculture, transportation (with particularly large holdings of automotive history), communication and domestic life – all of which complement the exhibits, programs and educational activities of the museum. For further information about the collections (including a searchable catalog for our book and trade catalog holdings), hours and services call (313) 982-6070 or visit us online at www.hfmvgv.org./research/.

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

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*Devereaux Memorial
Crawford County
Library*

The new 11,000-square-foot Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, completed in March 2002, more than triples the size of the library’s old building. Located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, the library looks modern on the outside but has an “up north” flavor on the inside, featuring natural light, exposed green trusses, pine logs framing many parts of the building and birch end panels on bookshelves.

Special features of the new library include a lounge area featuring a fireplace and lighted globes, a display case filled with artifacts from the early history of Crawford County and a reading garden with a pond, butterfly garden, flowers, trees and several benches for readers. The building, designed by Thomas I. O’Brien of Roscommon, also includes special rooms for tutoring and genealogical research, as well as inviting young adult and children’s areas.

Les Cheneaux Community Library

by Jessica Maze, Director, Friends of Les Cheneaux Community Library

The 6,000-square-foot Les Cheneaux Community Library broke ground in June 2002 and started construction in early August 2002. The library hopes to have a grand opening celebration around the 4th of July. The library’s features include a multi-purpose room with solar tube ceiling inserts to collect and disperse natural light throughout the room; a “children’s cozy corner”



Les Cheneaux Community Library

with child-height stacks, comfy foam-construction furniture and a story nook with bean-bag-like seating and a rocker; a quiet reading area for adults, which includes a propane-fuel fireplace, inviting stuffed leather furniture, a beautiful view of a small garden out the picture window; and brick-paved sidewalks sheltered by a wrap-around porch.

The brick sidewalks will include personally engraved bricks for private individuals and families as well as businesses and organizations. We have raised more than \$36,000 gross and \$25,000 net for the capital fund through our “Buy A Brick” campaign. The brick sidewalks will have an ice-abatement system beneath them to help to keep sidewalks clear as well as to reduce snow shoveling and abrading of the engraved bricks’ surfaces.

Three Oaks Township Public Library

by Stephanie Daniels, Director, Three Oaks Township Public Library



Three Oaks Township Public Library

The Three Oaks Township Public Library was recently relocated to the historic Warren Featherbone Company Office Building at 3 North Elm. This building is a three-story, rectangular Renaissance Revival style. The two principal facades are faced in red brick with limestone trimmings. The Warren Featherbone Company Office Building is of very unusual size and quality for a small Michigan town. It is

significant through its association with Edward K. Warren, Three Oaks’ most prominent business and civic leader in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The building, one of the most beautiful in Berrien County, is on both the state and national registers of historic places, and visitors are a daily event.

Each floor is approximately 6,700 square feet, and the library is presently using only the first floor. We are planning to expand to the second and third floors and found that an exit stairway and ADA-compliant restrooms are needed, as well as other renovations. We needed an architect that had knowledge of historic buildings and contacted Dr. Stanley Bell of Berrien Springs, who created the stair tower and renovations within our budget. Work on this first phase of the project began in December 2002 and will be completed by June 2003. When this is complete, we will be expanding the library to the second floor.

Baldwin Public Library

by Sheila Brice, Baldwin Public Library

In the fall of 2002, the main reading room of the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Michigan, was transformed into what is now known as the

Grand Hall, readied just in time for the library’s community celebration of its 75th anniversary on December 14. Elegant wooden shelving, designed to match the original window trim in the room, replaced less efficient metal shelves. Paneling and other wood fixtures were refinished and revitalized. New couches, tables and chairs invite library patrons to sit, read and relax in comfort. The well-lit tables are wired for laptops, providing an attractive, high-tech space in which to study and access information.

“Now not only do we have a rich collection of reading materials, we have comfortable, well-lit furniture, wired for technology,” remarked Director Marti Custer at the diamond anniversary celebration.



Baldwin Public Library





Howard Branch Library

Howard Branch Library

by Monica Peters, Cass District Library

In January 2003, Cass District Library began the final steps in transforming an old church into a branch library. The former sanctuary, which opened in February 2001, contains adult fiction, adult non-fiction, videos, audio books, compact discs, computers and young adult materials.

The five rooms that were once used as Sunday school classrooms have been transformed into a large community room and the children's department. The room, which is completely enclosed in glass, can be easily viewed from the circulation desk. When weather permits, further renovation includes moving the main entrance from the side to the front of the building.



Hesperia Community Library

Hesperia Community Library

by Elizabeth A. Nordin, Director, Hesperia Community Library

In August 2002, the Hesperia Community Library opened the doors to a renovated and expanded facility. The original building was constructed in 1962 with 3,400 square feet. The new facility, financed primarily with a bond issue, was expanded to 11,900 square feet and cost \$1.5 million. The new facility features a community room, children's room, local history room, study rooms, a reading room and staff workspace. The Fremont Area Community Foundation provided grant support for the project, and The Gerber Foundation contributed to the Children's Reading Room. The building was designed by Dennis Jensen, DesignWorks, AE in Grand Rapids.



Farmington Community Library

Farmington Community Library

by Beverly Papai, Farmington Community Library

With the addition of 34,000 square feet, the expanded main building of the Farmington Community Library is better able to serve the more than 1,700 visitors who use it daily and has become a destination point for all ages in the community. Among the improvements are: 75 public access computers, including a computer training center that can accommodate 21 students; a large meeting room that seats 300, has a small stage for performances and is technologically smart with Crestron controls for all amenities including videoconferencing; a second videoconferencing center that seats 10 and will be marketed to the business community; a heritage room for local history that includes a climate controlled preservation area; and a cappuccino bar, which is a great hit with many patrons. For operational efficiencies, the Checkpoint RFID system is linked to a Tech Logic conveyor belt or materials handling system to improve the turnaround time for check-in and to allow existing staff to handle an increased number of items. Patrons are encouraged to use express checkout stations throughout the building.

Within the children's department is Smart Start - a hands-on interactive learning environment for children 6 years and under and their adult guests. Multiple areas of child development are addressed in this environment designed to enhance reading readiness skills. At the children's department entrance, the Friends of the Library sponsored a plasma screen video that allows children to control the direction and speed of images designed to reflect the variety of subjects in the library's collection and to appeal to a broad age range of young users. Other department features include listening stations for CDs and an elementary program room now housing a special exhibit of dinosaurs.



Websitings

Moving Your Library-Movers and Consultants

by Kyle Kay Ripley, Reference Assistant, Library of Michigan

ALA Fact Sheet #14: Moving Libraries

<http://www.ala.org/library/fact14.html>

ALA Moving Libraries Discussion Group

<http://www.ala.org/lama/committees/bes/moving.html>

American Interfile & Library Services

<http://www.americaninterfile.com>

American Library Consultants

<http://www.libraryvendor.com>

Apollo Movers (movers of the Library of Michigan)

<http://www.apollomovers.com>

Bester Bros.

<http://www.besterbros.com/library/services.htm>

BiblioPlan

<http://www.biblioplan.com>

Hallett Movers.com

<http://www.hallettmovers.com>

Library Co-Op Inc.

<http://www.thelibrarycoop.com/movandLog.htm>

Library Relocation Consultants

<http://www.bloomington.in.us/~lrc>

National Library Relocations

<http://www.nlrbookmovers.com>

Office Movers Inc. (movers of the Library of Congress)

<http://www.kanecompany.com/officemovers/libraryservices.asp?bid=OA>

Universal Air Lift, Inc.

http://www.universalairlift.com/airlift_slide.htm

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Public Libraries of Saginaw Staff Honored by Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts

Marcia A. Warner, director of the Public Libraries of Saginaw, and Jim Curtis, associate director, were among the members of Saginaw County's Image Task Force awarded the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce's President's Award at the Chamber's annual meeting in February. The task force was cited for its efforts in creating a new image for Saginaw County. Warner chaired a subcommittee of the task force charged with investigating the creation of a coordinated, community-wide Web presence. The library's contribution to the project included the creation of two Web-based calendars of events for the Saginaw community, www.gosaginaw.com and www.saginawkids.com.

Rhonda Farrell-Butler, children's and youth services coordinator for the Public Libraries of Saginaw, was one of ten women awarded the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay Women of Distinction Award in February. Farrell-Butler was recognized for the many innovative programs she has developed to serve children and families and for her extensive community involvement.

East Lansing's Teens First to Read!

As reported in the March 2003 issue of the *CL Connections* newsletter, East Lansing Public Library's Teen Review Board was one of 15 groups nationwide chosen to be part of YA Galley, a new project sponsored by YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of ALA) and VOYA magazine. Participating publishers of young adult books provide copies of their recent titles, in galley or finished form, to teen book discussion groups in various libraries around the country. In return, teens must fill out a one-page evaluation that asks them what they thought of the book.

East Lansing's teens were also one of five groups out of the 15 to be designated as Teens' Top Ten (TTT) voting groups, who nominate new books from October through May. Their TTT nominations will be posted regularly to YALSA's Teen Hoopla Web Site (<http://www.ala.org/teenhoopla>) so that teen readers around the country may prepare for the public vote to be held during Teen Read Week.



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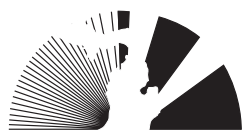
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